

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-7, 16, 21, 22 and 29-34 without prejudice or disclaimer.

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listings of Claims:

CLAIMS

1. (canceled)
2. (canceled)
3. (canceled)
4. (canceled)
5. (canceled)
6. (canceled)
7. (canceled)
8. (Currently Amended) A motion picture security code application system ~~as in claim~~

4, comprising:

(a) code symbol recording equipment for recording code symbols on a motion picture record medium; and

(b) a control system for controlling said recording equipment to cause it to record on said record medium information comprising a plurality of separate coded symbols, each symbol representing a digit of a multi-digit security code and being recorded in a separate frame of a motion picture recorded on said record medium.

in which each of said symbols is composed of one or more small marks made to look like a defect selected from the group consisting of dirt or dust particles; scratches; and color defeats.

9. (Currently Amended) A motion picture security code application system as in claim 1, comprising:

(a) code symbol recording equipment for recording code symbols on a motion picture record medium; and

(b) a control system for controlling said recording equipment to cause it to record on said record medium information comprising a plurality of separate coded symbols, each symbol representing a digit of a multi-digit security code and being recorded in a separate frame of a motion picture recorded on said record medium.

in which each of said symbols comprises an array of visible specks representing one digit of a print identification number, said specks being large enough to avoid their eradication by the compression means used in a video camera used to make a copy of the motion picture recorded program on said record medium when projected onto a motion picture display screen, but small and spaced apart so as to be essentially, unnoticeable by an ordinary viewer of the motion picture program, each of said symbols comprising a selected combination of specks from a dot matrix.

10. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim ~~[[7]]~~ 8 in which each of said symbols comprises a representation of one digit of a multi-digit print identification number, and a unique identification number is provided for each of a plurality of prints of a motion picture; and further

in which said medium is motion picture film having a leader, and including a device for recording said identification number on said leader.

11. (Original) A system as in claim 10 in which said identification number on said leader is in non-coded alphanumeric form.

12. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim [[4]] 9 in which each of said specks is between approximately 0.005 inch and 0.015 inch in diameter.

13. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim [[1]] 8 in which said recording equipment includes fiber-optic cables with an exit focusing lens and a controlled light source for sending light through selected ones of said fiber-optic cables to record a pattern of light spots on said record medium and thereby form one of said symbols.

14. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 13 in which said recording equipment includes means for synchronizing the formation of said spots with the movement of said record medium through a copy recorder for recording the motion picture ~~moving pictures~~ on said record medium.

15. (Original) A system as in claim 14 in which said record medium is motion picture film and said copy recorder is a film printer.

16. (canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A motion picture film copy as in claim 16 bearing a coded identification number with a plurality of different components, each of said components being composed of one or more small, separated marks resembling defects and located in the visible portion of a separate one of the frames of said film copy, in which said identification number also is recorded on a leader of said film copy.

18. (Currently Amended) A motion picture film copy as in claim 16 bearing a coded identification number with a plurality of different components, each of said components being composed of one or more small, separated marks resembling defects and located in the visible portion of a separate one of the frames of said film copy, in which each of said components is composed of a plurality of defects in a coded pattern representing one digit of said identification number, the size of each mark spot being close to the minimum size capable of being stored during video camera data compression, the location of each such component being such as to minimize interference with the normal viewing of said film copy.

19. (Currently Amended) A film copy as in claim ~~[[16]]~~ 18 in which each of said components is repeated at least once in an adjacent frame before a second component is recorded.

20. (Currently Amended) A motion picture film copy as in claim 16 bearing a coded identification number with a plurality of different components, each of said components being composed of one or more small, separated marks resembling defects and located in the visible portion of a separate one of the frames of said film copy, in which each of said components is

repeated at least once before a second component is recorded and in which each of said components said symbol is repeated at spaced intervals along said film copy.

21. (canceled)

22. (canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A motion picture film print ~~as in claim 22~~ bearing coded information, said coded information being represented by a plurality of small marks having the appearance of defects formed into code symbols representing said coded information, in which said marks are made to resemble defects from the group consisting of dirt particles, color defects, scratches and a combination of any of the foregoing with one another.

24. (Currently Amended) A film print as in claim ~~[[22]]~~ 23 in which said marks comprise a plurality of groups of defects, each arranged in a predetermined pattern or shape representing a separate digit of the print number of the film print.

25. (Previously Submitted) A method of counterfeit detection comprising the steps of:

(a) recording within a motion picture film copy an identification number of the copy, said identification member comprising a plurality of digits, each recorded in code form in the visible area of a different frame of a film recorded on said film copy, said different frames being spaced from one another along the length of said film;

(b) keeping a record of the identification number for said copy and the destination to which it was delivered;

(c) viewing a suspected counterfeit copy of said film and determining the copy identification number recorded in said suspected counterfeit copy; and

(d) tracing said copy to said destination to which the copy was delivered.

26. (Original) A method as in claim 25 in which each of said digits is in the form of marks forming a pre-selected pattern, each of said defects being as small as possible without making them invisible to the naked eye or being erased by the data compression of a video camera used to copy the motion picture.

27. (Previously Submitted) A method as in claim 26 in which each of said patterns is positioned in a frame so as to give minimum interference with viewing of the motion picture.

28. (Original) A method as in claim 27 in which each of said patterns is located in a predetermined position within the frame.

29. (canceled)

30. (canceled)

31. (canceled)

32. (canceled)

33. (canceled)

34. (canceled)